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AMBASSADOR CARGO

S/S- MR. BARNES

S - MR. LISSY

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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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SUBJECT: SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR AMBASSADOR CARGO

1. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR AMBASSADOR CARGO TOOK PLACE JULY 27 IN SECRETARY'S OFFICE. OATH WAS ADMINISTERED BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR SMOAK. OTHERS PRESENT, IN ADDITION TO CARGO FAMILY, INCLUDED AMBASSADOR KHANAL, FIRST SECRETARY B. P. RIMAL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO, DIRECTOR GENERAL HALL AND AMBASSADOR ARMIN MEYER.

2. IN HIS REMARKS THE SECRETARY COMPLIMENTED AMBASSADOR CARGO ON FINE JOB HE AND HIS STAFF IN S/PC HAD DONE. HE NOTED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN NEPAL AND THE U.S. WERE CLOSE AND THAT SELECTION OF CARGO AS OUR NEW AMBASSADOR WAS MARK OF IMPORTANCE WE PLACE IN GOOD RELATIONS WE HAVE WITH NEPAL. SECRETARY ADDED THAT U.S. WAS SENSITIVE TO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OF NEPAL RESULTING FROM HER GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION BETWEEN TWO LARGE NEIGHBORS. HE UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID IT WAS IN OUR INTEREST THAT NEPAL REMAIN INDEPENDENT

AND SOVEREIGN.

3. REPLYING TO THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS, AMBASSADOR CARGO EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE TRUST REPOSED IN HIM IN HIS DESIGNATION AS AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD WORK FOR A FURTHER STRENGTHENING

OF THE WARM TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN NEPAL'S DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED THE GREAT NATURAL BEAUTY OF NEPAL AND THE CONSEQUENT POTENTIAL FOR TOURISM IN NEPAL'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, ADDING THAT HE WAS CERTAIN HIS SON AND DAUGHTER AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SPOUSES WERE PREPARING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FLOW OF TOURISTS BY THEMSELVES VISITING NEPAL. CARGO EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO AMB. KHANAL FOR HIS GENEROUS AND FRIENDLY ASSISTANCE IN WASHINGTON. ROGERS

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